

In The Claims:

Please replace the previously presented claim set with the following replacement claim set:

1. (Currently Amended) A pesticide concentrate comprising:
 - a) 2-85% by weight water;
 - b) 5-90% by weight of at least one pesticide comprising mesotrione, an agriculturally acceptable salt of mesotrione or a metal chelate of mesotrione;
 - c) an amount of an ionic nitrate salt additive effective in reducing corrosion of metal surfaces, said ionic nitrate salt additive comprising ammonium nitrate; and
 - d) optionally, other formulation auxiliaries;
wherein the ratio of component c) to component b) is less than or equal to 0.3:1.
2. (Original) The concentrate of Claim 1 wherein the pH of the composition is 6 or less.
3. (Currently Amended) The concentrate of Claim 1 wherein the at least one pesticide is in the form of a salt of mesotrione or a metal chelate of mesotrione.
4. (Original) The concentrate of Claim 1 comprising at least one formulation auxiliary in the form of a salt.
5. (Original) The concentrate of Claim 4 wherein the formulation auxiliary in the form of a salt comprises at least one alkali metal or alkaline earth metal chloride.
- 6-7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The concentrate of Claim 7 1 wherein the at least one pesticide comprises a copper or zinc chelate of mesotrione.

9. (Original) A pesticidal composition obtained by diluting a concentrate according to claim 1 into a suitable amount of carrier.

10. (Original) A pesticidal composition according to claim 9 wherein the carrier is water.

11. (Previously Presented) The pesticidal composition of claim 9 further comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, acaricides, and nematicides.

12. (Original) A method for the selective control of pests in crops of useful plants, which method comprises treating the useful plants, their seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof with a pesticidal composition according to claim 9.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The concentrate of Claim 1 wherein the pesticide concentrate comprises from 0.001 to 10 wt% of the ionic nitrate salt additive.

15. (Currently Amended) A pesticide concentrate comprising:

- a) 2-85% by weight water;
- b) 5-90% by weight of at least one pesticide comprising mesotrione, ~~or~~ an agriculturally acceptable salt of mesotrione or a metal chelate thereof of mesotrione;
- c) an amount of an ionic nitrate salt additive effective in reducing corrosion of metal surfaces, said ionic nitrate salt additive comprising ammonium nitrate; and
- d) ~~optionally, one or more~~ other formulation auxiliaries;

wherein the ratio of component c) to component b) is less than or equal to 0.3:1.

16. (Previously Presented) The concentrate of Claim 15 wherein the at least one pesticide comprises a copper or zinc chelate of mesotrione.

17. (Previously Presented) The concentrate of Claim 15 wherein the pH of the composition is 6 or less.

18. (Previously Presented) The concentrate of Claim 15 wherein the pesticide concentrate comprises from 0.001 to 10 wt% of the ionic nitrate salt additive.

19. (Previously Presented) A pesticidal composition obtained by diluting a concentrate according to claim 15 into a suitable amount of carrier.

20. (Currently Amended) A pesticide concentrate comprising:

- a) 2-85% by weight water;
 - b) 5-90% by weight of at least one pesticide comprising a copper or zinc chelate of mesotrione;
 - c) 0.001 to 10 wt% of an ionic nitrate salt additive effective in reducing corrosion of metal surfaces, said ionic nitrate salt additive comprising ammonium nitrate; and
 - d) optionally, other formulation auxiliaries;
- wherein the ratio of component c) to component b) is less than or equal to 0.3:1.

21. (Previously Presented) A pesticidal composition obtained by diluting a concentrate according to claim 20 into a suitable amount of carrier.

22. (New) The concentrate of Claim 15 wherein said one or more other formulation auxiliaries comprise an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth metal chloride, a surfactant, a thixotropic agent, an antifoaming agent, an antifreezing agent, a preservative, or any combination thereof.

23. (New) The concentrate of Claim 15 wherein said one or more other formulation auxiliaries comprise a surfactant, a thixotropic agent, and an antifoaming agent.